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For: ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE GRADING WITH OPTICAL INPUT AND OUTPUT
CHARACTERISTICS SETTABLE TO DESIRED VALUES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant respectfully brings the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. These references were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated September 21, 2004, in divisional Application No. 10/452,256. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith.

I hereby certify that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.


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